

HiSET Test

The infographic for the HiSET Test provides the following details:

- Format of Testing:** Computer-based, indicated by icons of a monitor and a document with a pencil.
- Duration:** 7 hrs 5 mins, shown with an hourglass icon.
- Sections:**
 - Math: 90 mins
 - Social Studies: 70 mins
 - Science: 80 mins
 - Reading: 65 mins
 - Writing: 120 mins
- Question Type:**
 - Multiple-Choice
 - Essay
- Passing Score:** 45 score to be considered passing.
- Published By:** ETS.

- Cost: \$115
- 2 retakes free of charge
- 3 times in 12 months
- New versions each January

- Passing Score: 45 total
- Subtest Passing Score: 8 out of 20
- Writing Essay: 2 out of 6
- Scores reported immediately

HiSET Test at a Glance



HiSET[®] – Test at a Glance (TAAG) Information Brief

The purpose of the ETS High School Equivalency Test (*HiSET*[®]) is to certify a candidate's attainment of academic knowledge and skills equivalent to those of a high school graduate. HiSET scores will identify those candidates who have performed at a level consistent with high school equivalency. Information from the HiSET program also will help identify areas in which candidates are career and college ready, as well as areas in which additional preparation may be needed.

Candidates will be tested in five core areas: Language Arts – Reading, Language Arts – Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Descriptions of each of these five tests are contained in this document. The ***HiSET*[®] Practice Tests** allow candidates to view sample content and item types and provide them with general information about their level of preparation for taking the operational form.

Through ongoing validity research, the HiSET program has been connected to college-readiness indicators. Candidate performance relative to these indicators is part of the reporting system for the assessment.

The following TAAG sections give a quick overview of each HiSET test and include:

- Test name
- Length of test (Time)
- Number and types of questions (Format)
- Content Categories and approximate percentage of the test
- Process Categories
- Process Category Descriptors
- Depth of Knowledge Levels (DOK)^{*}

The emphasis of each category is expressed as the average percentage of the number of questions per category. This percentage is the approximate average number of questions across the forms on the HiSET exam.

Reading Content

65 minutes, 50 multiple choice questions
40% Literary Texts, 60% Informational Texts
Comprehension is over 50%

- Test Taking Strategies
- Language & Reading Vocabulary
- Skimming
- Poetry
- Figurative Language
- Literary Terms

Writing Content

120 minutes, 60 multiple choice questions

1 essay - Argumentative (2 passages)

- Common Punctuation & Capitalization Rules
- Commas: Appositives, Direct Address, Introductory Phrases, Series
- Colons & Semi-colons
- Parallel Structure
- Topic Sentence & Paragraph Development
- Writing Essay Tips
 - Write a fully developed essay
 - Provide ideas and examples
 - Avoid just repeating
 - Take a position
 - Do not depend solely on ideas from provided texts
 - Key Focus: essay's ability to express and support ideas

Science Content

80 minutes, 60 multiple choice questions

Life Science - 49%, Physical Science - 28%, Earth Science - 23%
Reading Comprehension

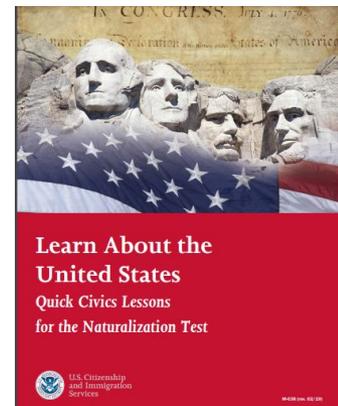
- Plant and Animal Cells
- Human Body Systems - Role of DNA
- Genetics: Dominant, Recessive, Mutations, Punnett Square
- Specialized Cells: compare the structures of different types of biomolecules such as carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins
- Reproduction: Meiosis, Mitosis
- Photosynthesis
- Energy: Renewable, Non-Renewable
- Matter: 3 States, Physical, Chemical
- Tables, Charts, and Graphs

Social Studies Content

70 minutes, 60 multiple choice questions

History: 35%, Civics/Government: 35%, Economics: 20%, Geography: 10%
Reading Comprehension

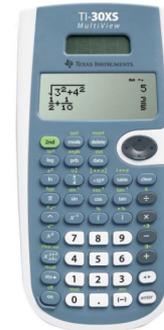
- **Important World/U.S. Events:** River Valley Civilizations, Classical Civilizations, Age of Exploration, American Revolution, Early National Era, Civil War & Reconstruction, Gilded Age, World War I, Great Depression & New Deal, World War II, Cold War
- **Government: Democracy, Republic**
- **Balance of Power & Governmental Facts**
- **Map Skills - U.S. 13 Colonies**
- **Feudal and Caste Systems**
- **Supply and Demand**
- **Political Cartoons**



Math Content

90 minutes, 55 multiple choice questions

Calculator Options



- [HiSET Math Formula Sheet](#)
- **Quadratics and Functions**
- Order of Operations: PEMDAS
- Numbers: Rational, Irrational
- Circle Formulas: Area, Circumference
- Statistics: Mean, Median, Mode, Range
- Slope: Rate of Change, Rise/Run
- Percents to Decimals to Fractions

Score Reports



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The HiSET® Comprehensive Score Report

A. In the HiSET® status section, you will find the guidelines needed to pass the HiSET exam along with easy Yes/No indicators to explain which you have met and which you need to still work on completing.

ETS HISET Comprehensive Score Report
High School Equivalency Test

Name: Robinson, Michael
ETS ID: ABC12345
Date of Birth: August 28, 1986 Report Date: November 18, 2016

A. Your HiSET® Status

Have you taken all five of the HiSET® individual subtests? Yes

Did you meet all three of the HiSET scoring criteria?

- Scored at least 8 out of 20 on all HiSET subtests? Yes
- Scored at least 2 out of 6 on the Essay? Yes
- Achieved a Total Scaled Score on all HiSET subtests of at least 45? Yes Your Total Scaled Score is 78.

Did you pass the HiSET exam? ** **Yes B**

C. Your HiSET Summary

Subtests	Your Highest Scaled Score	Test Date	Test Status
Mathematics	15	November 04, 2016	You Passed Mathematics with a Scaled Score of 15. D
Science	17	November 04, 2016	You Passed Science with a Scaled Score of 17.
Social Studies	15	November 03, 2016	You Passed Social Studies with a Scaled Score of 15.
Language Arts - Reading	16	November 03, 2016	You Passed Reading with a Scaled Score of 16.
Language Arts - Writing	15	November 05, 2016	You Passed Writing with a Scaled Score of 15.
Total Scaled Score	78		

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C. The HiSET summary section will display the highest score you have achieved on each subtest along with the date you took each test.

E. The Total Scaled Score is a cumulative record of the highest scaled score(s) on each subtest.



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The HiSET® Individual Test Report

ETS HISET Individual Test Report
High School Equivalency Test

Name: Robinson, Michael
ETS ID: ABC12345
Date of Birth: August 28, 1986
Test Date: November 05, 2016

Language Arts - Writing

	Your score	Out of a possible	Minimum scaled score required	Did you achieve the minimum score?
Language Arts - Writing	A 15	20	8	Yes
Essay	2	6	2	Yes

Did you meet the minimum requirements of the Language Arts - Writing subtest? **C** Yes

B. The Yes/No indicator quickly identifies if you have passed each subtest.

C. The college-/career-ready indicator, available only on the Individual Test Reports, will display if you show a level of performance similar to the minimum level required to succeed in college-level credit-bearing courses.

D. Your subtest performance summary, located at the bottom of each Individual Test Report, outlines how you performed on each content category. It will assist you in identifying areas of strength and opportunities to improve.

Language Arts - Writing Performance Summary

	Your Score	Possible Score	Percentage of Items answered correctly
Organization of Ideas			83%
Language Facility			80%
Writing Conventions			40%
Essay	2	6	

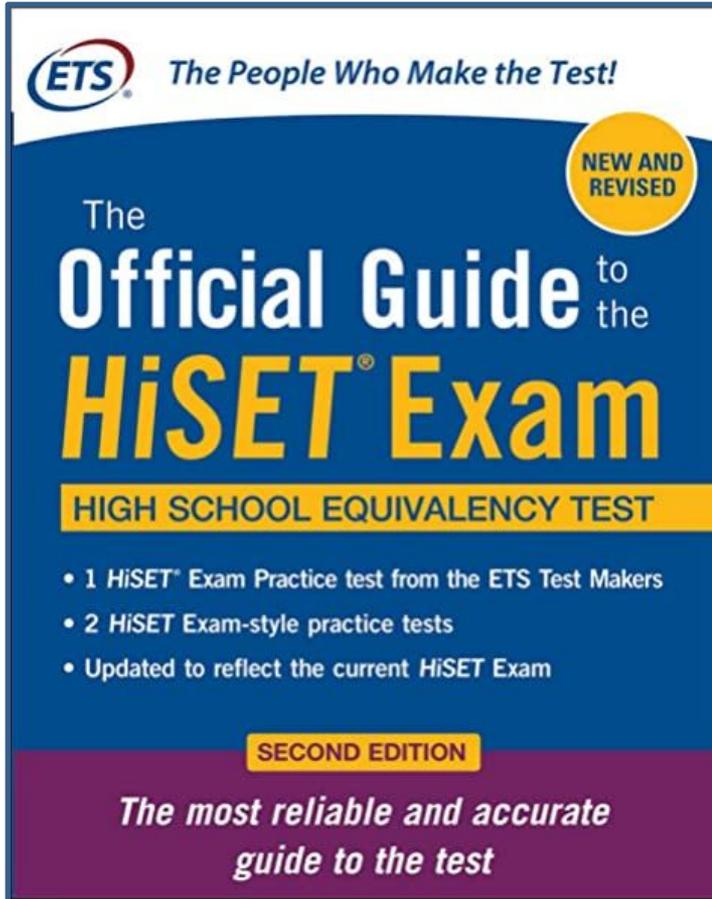
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A. This is where you will find your score for each subtest.

B. The Yes/No indicator quickly identifies if you have passed each subtest.

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RESOURCES



- Free practice tests at <https://hiset.ets.org/>
- **HiSET Academy:** 4 practice tests/subject
- Khan Academy Support Videos: https://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/list_free_videos.pdf
- Online practice tests through ETS and Essential Education: \$2/test
- Official online practice tests: \$10/subtest
- GED/TASC resources